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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No. ML-02C2

First Inventor or Application Identifier Gamble, Kimberly R.

Title SAMPLE COLLECTION AND PROCESSING DEVICE

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22386 107686599**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Specification [Total Pages 24]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 8]

4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]

a.  Newly executed (original or copy)

b.  Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)

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inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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5.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

- Computer Readable Copy
- Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- Statement verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

7.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

8.  37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement  Power of  
(when there is an assignee)  Attorney

9.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS  
Citations

11.  Preliminary Amendment

12.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

\* Small Entity  Statement filed in prior application,  
Statement(s)  Status still proper and desired  
(PTO/SB/09-12)

13.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

14.  Other: .....

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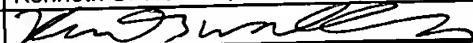
Prior application information: Examiner E. Quan Group / Art Unit: 1743

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	
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Attorney Docket No.	ML-02C2

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Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 385)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20	-20** = 0	X	=
3	-3*** = 0	X	=
Multiple Dependent			=

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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